

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Fredéric SGIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3733  
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Application No.: 10/766,911 ) Examiner: Shaffer, Richard R.  
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Filed: January 30, 2004 ) Confirmation No.: 4613  
)  
For: VERTEBRAL ARTHRODESIS )  
DEVICE )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Attached is a reply to the Final Office Action dated September 3, 2008. The item checked below is appropriate:

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the above Office Action. The fee of \$65.00 for the extension is enclosed.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	28	-	35	0	x \$ 52	\$ 0
Indep.	2	-	3	0	x \$ 220	0
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s)					+\$	0
Subtotal						\$ 0
Reduction by ½ if small entity						- 0
TOTAL						\$ 0

- ☒ A fee of \$65.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P

Date: January 5, 2009

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